

Seaside... ...Ranchos

By Evelyn Hyder

We have lots of interesting information to pass on to you this week, activities that will interest parents of pre-school age children through to high school. First of all I would like to tell you about the new class for children age 2 to 5 and their mothers, being held each Monday from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at Seaside school. It is necessary for the mothers to attend these classes with their children as it is a class for them, as well as the child.

This class will help prepare your child for kindergarten and school, help you better understand him and help you to cooperate better with your child's future teachers.

During the first hour of the class the children will join in free play under the competent child-care person while the parents engage in a discussion on such topics as, how to instill correct discipline habits in your child, how to help him get along with other children, and how to develop courteous and healthful habits in him.

The next two hours the child will be taken into a kindergarten room and will work on creative experiences with clay, paints and music. Each mother will closely observe her own child and study his habits and record on a sheet given her, the good habits that she wants to encourage and the bad habits that she wants to change. The teacher will help each mother work out her problems during this session and will consider them in detail during the first hour of the next meeting of the class.

In addition to your participation in the open discussion group, you will be given assistance and counsel by the adult education teacher, Mrs. Warrick, and at times by the principal of the Seaside School, the Director of Instruction and Psychologist of the Torrance Unified School District.

A charge of 25 cents will be made to each mother to defray the cost of juices and wafers.

An opportunity to register children for entering school next fall will be provided, beginning Monday, April 24, through Monday, May 1, 1950, at Seaside School.

All children who are entering kindergarten or first year of school should register at this

'IRON CURTAIN' IS OLD STORY.

The "Iron Curtain" is an old story in Russia, with a new name, according to research experts for THE BOOK HOUSE FOR CHILDREN.

In the BOOK HOUSE history series, they point out how "Russia began to grow more race-conscious and truly Russian in 1015 A. D., following the invasion of the Vikings and the reign of Vladimir.

"She also began to grow more withdrawn into herself, more exclusive of foreigners and shut off from the world," they observe. "Sufficient to herself alone, with no schools, no knowledge, no science to offset the superstitions of her primitive, fanciful peasants, she was to sleep for centuries, generally unprogressive."



VERSATILE... Here, ladies, is a suit to put spring in a winter-weary wardrobe. Cut from famous Palm Beach cloth, the details include a straight skirt and a long, one-button jacket with notched collar and double pocket flaps. Sacoony makes the suit in white, black, maize, aqua, ice blue, clove red, navy, mocha, sand and gray. And Cosmopolitan magazine calls it spring and summer-long versatility, at the modest price of about \$22.50.

time. To enter kindergarten in September, the age requirement is fourth birthday before March 1, 1950, and to enter first grade, fifth birthday before this time. You may enroll your youngsters at the administration office at school. Please bring your child's birth certificate, complete enrollment form giving information of child's health record, diseases, etc., and obtain physical examination appointment for either the 12th or 19th of May. This examination is required

for any child entering this school for the first time next September, and is given free by the school physician.

The PTA board meeting is to be held Friday, May 5, and will feature a pot-luck luncheon and a talk on child care. The luncheon will start at 12 noon.

April 24 to 28 is Public School Week, and our school is cooperating by holding Open House this evening, between 7 and 9 p.m. Each class room will be the scene of a Parent group discussion from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

in which the parents may discuss their problems with the teacher. The rest of the time may be spent inspecting the school and the work of the students.

We should all plan to turn out May 11, to the last PTA meeting this semester. Thus we will be able to welcome in our new officers and at the same time thank the outgoing officers for their fine work this past year. More about the plans for this meeting later.

Walteria Park will be the

scene of festivities in the form of a basket picnic and baseball games next Friday, May 5. They have very cordially invited the residents in this area to attend and it certainly sounds like fun.

This is the first major project under the new city-wide recreation program, and Walteria has planned this celebration, acting on behalf of the City of Torrance Recreation Commission. This "Lights-on" program has been arranged to mark the official opening of another lighted soft ball field for the City of Torrance. It will be arranged

as follows: basket picnic (starting at 6:30 p.m.), band music, massing of colors by the Veterans Auxiliary Drill Teams, "old men's soft ball game" (strictly for laughs), "Lights On" by Director of Recreation Frank H. Carpenter, "Pitch In" (first ball), Mayor "Bob" Haggard and the official opening game, National Supply ('49 champs) vs. Industrial League All Stars.

All organized clubs and civic groups have been invited to attend this event. If you are planning to attend, get your reser-

vation in to Bob Sleeth or his committee in Walteria before Monday, May 1.

It looks like we will have a good turnout at Las Vecinas "April Showers Ball" to be held at the Hermosa Biltmore Saturday evening. The proceeds from this dance are to go to the Youth fund so if you don't have your tickets yet, contact any member and they will locate tickets for you. There is to be good music and all your friends will be there. Don't forget—Saturday, April 29, 9 p.m. to 1 a.m., cost

of tickets, \$3.50 per couple. We have a lot of golf enthusiasts these days; last Tuesday those seen at the Palos Verdes course taking lessons were Wynne Spelman, Helen Schnitz, Jan Kirby, Helen Wanks, Doty Pomroy and Winnie Mewborn. Of course Wynne Spelman is one of the beginners class, and does beautifully.

Why is Florence Wheeler eating off the mantle? It couldn't have been the trip to Long Beach to take a riding lesson

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